

# LOCATE: Child Care

— a free child care referral service for all families in Maryland —

LOCATE: Child Care helps parents find and choose child care to best meet their needs.

LOCATE offers:

Personalized assistance by telephone

Individual phone counseling helps parents learn about various types of child care programs and provides guidelines for selecting high-quality care. Parents receive contact information for child care services that meet their needs – with information on hours, location, costs, and other program information. LOCATE referral specialists are well-informed professionals holding a minimum of a Bachelor's Degree in early childhood education or a related field. Services are confidential.

**Call toll free 1-877-261-0060,  
Monday through Friday 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

Online search

As an alternative to individual phone counseling, an online option lets parents search the child care database at their convenience. This option does not include all the information provided in one-on-one phone counseling services. The online search is located at [www.marylandfamilynetwork.org](http://www.marylandfamilynetwork.org).

LOCATE: Child Care maintains:

A database of all programs that meet the State of Maryland regulations for child care:

- Registered family child care
- Licensed child care centers and school-aged programs
- Certified summer camps
- Nursery schools
- Head Start programs

Special counseling and referral services are available for **military families, families of children with special needs, and Spanish speaking families.**

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